

Cable Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 30, 2021

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Present: Michael Hill, Richard Moskal, Thomas Ghazil, Michael Assaf, Ellie Villano.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hill informed the committee that there will be a new liaison from the Board of Selectmen, Tony Goncalves.

Charter sent the committee a draft of the most recent license and it reflects the changes the committee discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Goncalves emailed Mr. Hill with suggestions for the new license including internet service, phone service, and a fiber system for the town. These issues are not able to be negotiated with the cable license.

Mr. Goncalves mentioned the section "Standard Installation to Homes." Charter covers the installation costs within 150 feet. Mr. Goncalves suggested the committee try to change it to 200 feet. Mr. Hill said they tried to get 200 feet in an earlier draft of the license and Charter came back with 150 feet. Ms. Villano wants to ask Bill August for some clarification on this matter.

Mr. Goncalves would like to make sure businesses get the same installation service as residential customers. The committee will ask Mr. August for clarification on the matter as well.

Mr. Goncalves is asking for a fourth channel to be used for emergency purposes. Mr. Hill has never heard of PEG access stations being given four channels and he does not think this is necessary. If necessary, he will be able to free up one of the existing channels for emergency communications. The committee agreed a fourth channel is not necessary.

In the proposed license the town will get a free cable drop at any municipal building. Mr. Hill has all the municipal buildings listed in the proposed license. Mr. Goncalves brought up adding the Boys and Girls Club to that list. The town owns the building and the property, pays for utilities and maintenance but the building is leased to the Boys and Girls Club. The committee agreed the club is responsible for their own cable and should not be added to the municipal building list.

The committee went over the clerical errors in the latest draft.

The committee rediscussed the Boys and Girls club and decided to add the it to the municipal building list in case the lease with the club ends and the town uses the building in the future.


Ms. Villano **moved** to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 29, 2020. Second by Mr. Ghazil. Motion passed 3-0-1. Michael Assaf abstained.

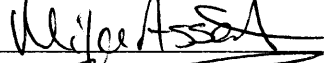
Ms. Villano **moved** to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2021. Second by Mr. Ghazil. Motion passed 4-0.

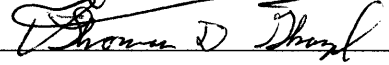
Mr. Hill will submit the changes to Bill August.

Ms. Villano **moved** to adjourn. Second by Mr. Assaf. Motioned passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.







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